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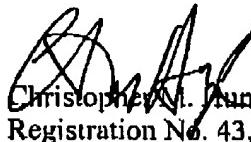
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- Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533
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- Applicant claims small entity status
- Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 \$450.00 to cover the filing fee of \$385.00 and the \$65.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
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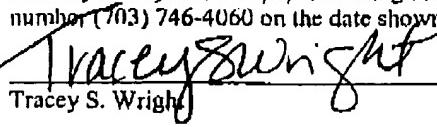
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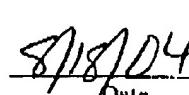

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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- The oath or declaration is missing.
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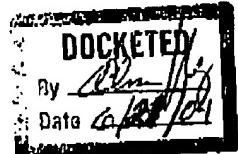
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